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German Students Ask Probe Of CIA Action on Campus

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BERLIN — Student leaders at West Berlin's Free University called Tuesday for an immediate investigation into charges that the Central Intelligence Agency had recruited American and other students here for intelligence work.

The disclosure of such activities from 1959 to 1962 by a former American student in the New York Times appeared to come as no great surprise to students and university officials.

"We have suspected something like that all the time," Walter Kreipe, a spokesman for the "Allgemeiner Studentenausschuss," the students self-governing body, declared. "However, we have had no direct evidence of such activities."

Kreipe said the student body had called on Heinrich Albertz, Mayor of Berlin, to take immediate

action to halt CIA activities at the Free University.

Demand Steps Be Taken

The students also demanded that the rector of the university, Prof. Hans Joachim Lieber, investigate the charges and undertake steps to "secure the students freedom from American and other intelligence activities."

University officials pointed out that the CIA appeared to have restricted its activity on the Berlin campus to individual recruitment of students and that there was no evidence of any large-scale grants having been funneled to students organizations here.

However, Kreipe said he had learned that an American front organization known as the "Hobby Foundation" had in 1963 given a \$100,000 grant to a private non-university group in Berlin that operated in development countries. Kreipe said it was believed the funds came from the CIA.

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